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Subj: Organization of EDP in CIA

1. Bumped into Phil Fox last night. He said:

- BPAM was pushing for a committee to study question of
  EDP organization in response to BOB and other external
  pressures towards centralization.

- Bud Wheelon had called John Clarke when words of such a
  study reached him and complained vigorously that the centralizatio
  decision had already been made and that he opposed any such
  study.

- Jack Blake later called John Clarke in elaboration, saying that
  Bud had had the wrong idea somewhat, and that DD/S&T welcomed
  such a study...or at least understood the reasons for the study
  and would support it.

- Fox then said he didn't understand why Wheelon would have been
  upset about the study in that the pressure on such a group
  as far as OBPAM is concerned is towards more centralization.
  Then Phil said that, of course, such a study could recommend
  that OCS be transferred to the DD/S as a support component
  and perhaps that is what Wheelon was worried about.

- Phil said NPIC and DD/P would fight any further centralization
  hard.

2. As for the study committee, there is, of course, in spite of the
BOB and OBPAM centralization pressures, the chance that the directorate
forces, once the question is opened again to study, would win out and each
Directorate would "roll its own". I told Phil that, in addtion to the BOB
paper pressure, there was the solid dollar, manpower, and floor space pressure
which our own managems must face up to if, indeed, the OCS 360 system could
take on the DD/P workload (and perhaps NPIC) without appreciable or counterpart
cost extensions in OCS. I used the [   ] rental savings figure for
the two Mod 50's [   ] wants. Fox said [   ] has already requested these new
machines.... making it sound more official than anything we've had from [   ]
Fox mentioned the DD/P's argument of "security". I told him that was largely
subtrafuge and that responsible managers would have to see it as such and not
endorse an extra [   ] on any such basis as that.

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3. This one must surely come to head...and soon. OCS should right now
make double sure our claims on 360 capabilities are sound re RID computing
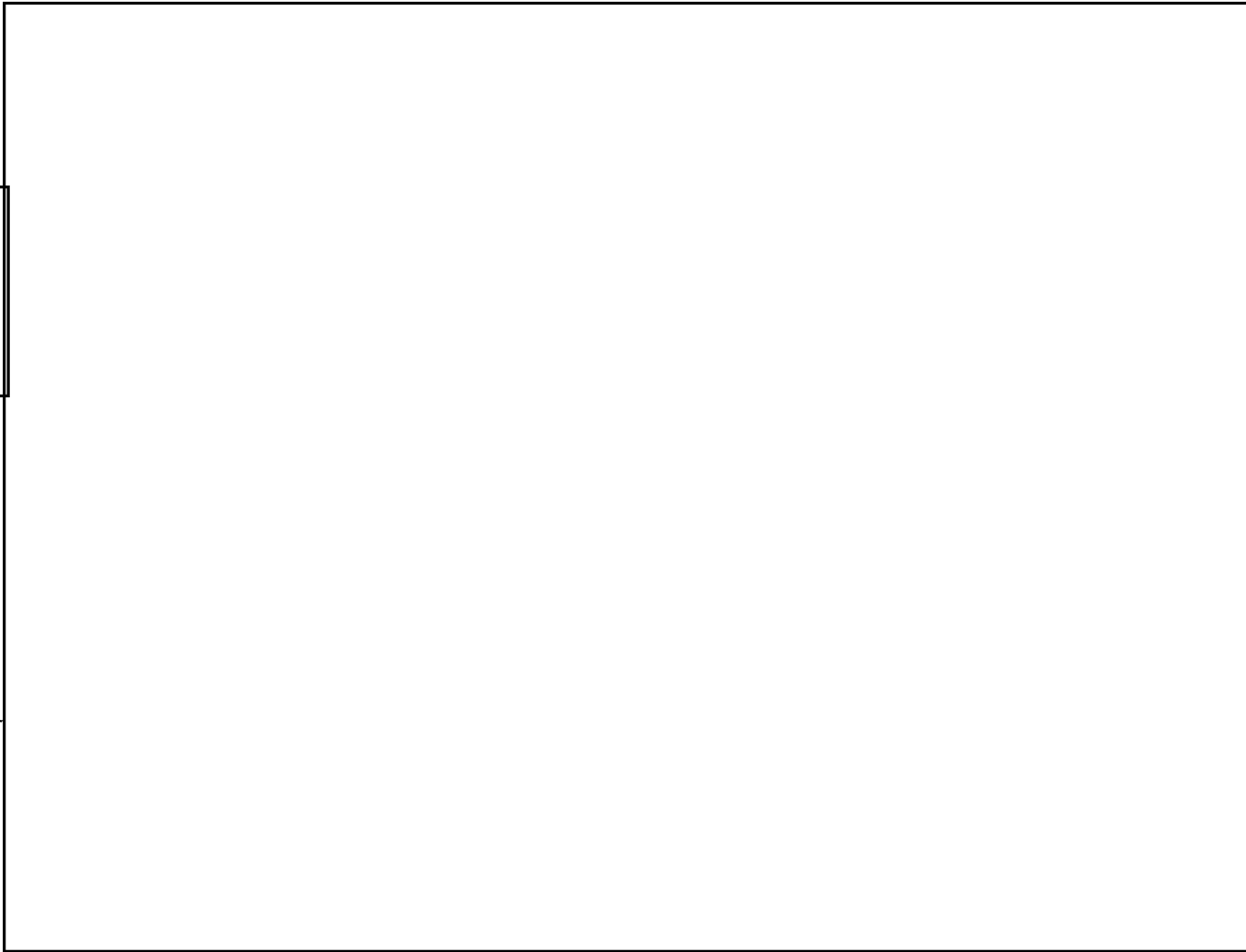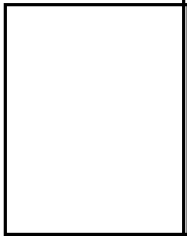because therein lies the answer to the entire question.

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Joe Becker:

As for the study committee with John Clarke is pushing for, it seems it can make one of four recommendations:

1) status quo. (Leave things as they are with three computer centers in CIA (OCS, RID, and NPIC) and define RID and NPIC roles and grant all rest of OCS.)

2) Expand OCS and leave it in DD/S&T (Add RID and perhaps eventually NPIC computing to OCS)

3) Expand OCS and move it to DD/S ("   "   ")

4) Abolish OCS as CIA-wide shop and establish a policy of computing by Directorate.
(Each Directorate eventually to have its own computing center(s). Some cooperation and sharing among them but essentially each Direct provides for its own computing needs.)

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